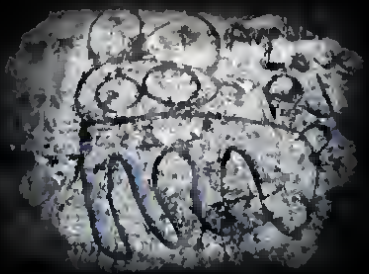

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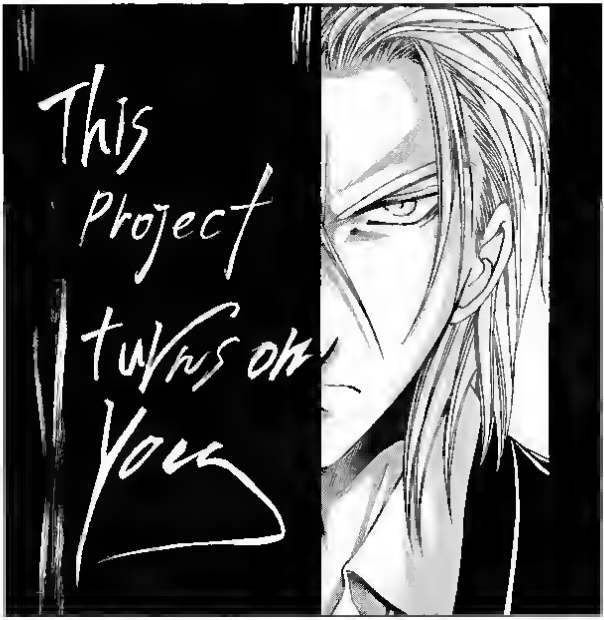

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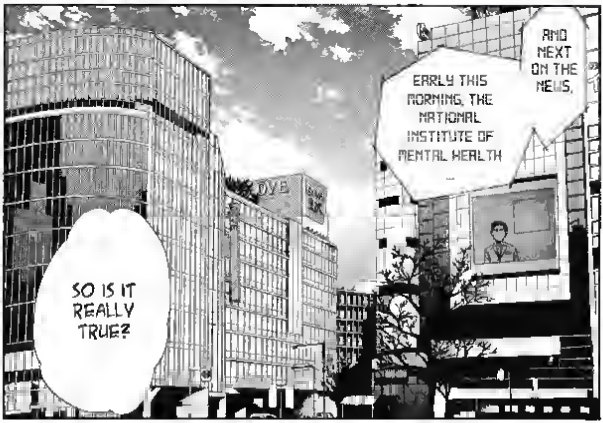


SEVEN MURDERS DONE BY THE DRAWING OF BLOOD FROM THE VICTIMS SIMILAR TO THE 1960 CASES OF...
DO YOU THINK THE GUY'S DANGEROUS?
IT SURE IS HARD TO BELIEVE
Hell

speak of the devil.

MAN
SURE DID GIVE ME A PRETTY BAD FRIGHT
YEAH. I WAS STILL JUST A KID BACK THEN THOUGH
I WAS SURE IT WAS ALL A JOKE!
ARE YOU SERIOUS!?
YOU KNOW I STILL REMEMBER BACK IN THOSE DAYS WHEN THIS WHOLE THING SPRANG UP BEFORE
THE JAPANESE VAMPIRE ESCAPES!!
Will the same tragedy unfold once again!?
SO HE REALLY DID DRINK PEOPLE'S BLOOD?
ったな!?

GAH ...
TCH.
WHY DO I GOTTA GO RUNNING AROUND IN ALL THIS DAMN HEAT ...
DON'T I DO THIS ENOUGH AT SCHOOL ANYWAY?
カチッ

URK.
WHA-
!?
DON'T THINK YOU CAN MESS WITH ME !
'FALLEN!'

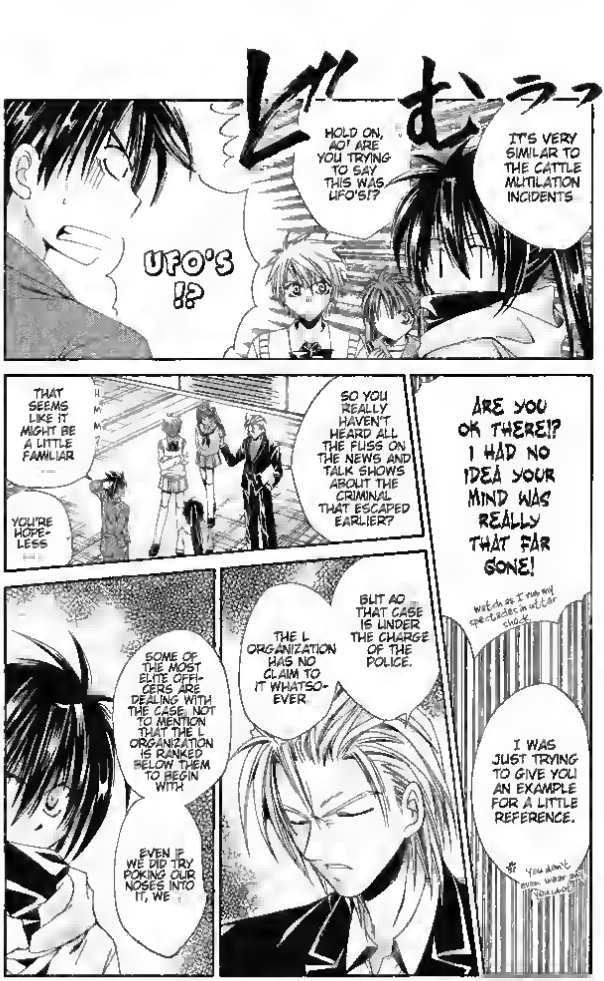
SAH...
ヒダー
EER...
OUCH
DIDN'T I TELL YOU NOT TO LET YOUR GUARD DOWN TILL YOU REACHED THE END?
OSSAN!
AH, MY... NO MATTER HOW LONG WE WAIT, IT SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE NEVER GOING TO RETAIN ANY ABILITY TO CONCENTRATE, DOESN'T IT?
NANAKI.

BUT WHATEVER THEY SAY, NANAKI-KUN, IT'S STILL AMAZING THAT YOU GOT THROUGH WITHOUT GETTING HURT!
IT'S HOPELESS GUNJI-SAN.
IT'S WAY TOO SOON FOR THIS GUY TO BE USING THE TRAINING FIELD
SATSUKI AND KANADE YOU GUYS WERE HERE?
YEP! WE CAME JUST NOW!
GUNJI-SAN! AO SAID HE WANTED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT SOMETHING!
SO AO'S GOTTEN BACK?
YEAH, HE'S IN THE MISSION ROOM RIGHT NOW.
AO SNIPPED OUT ON TRAINING!?
EH?
UNLIKE YOU, AO WOULD NEVER DO THAT! HE HAD HIS MEDICAL EXAM AT HEADQUARTERS!
HE GOES TWICE A YEAR, RIGHT?

AO-KUN IS A LITTLE SELF CONSCIOUS ABOUT IT, ISN'T HE?
CUT IT OUT! WHY CAN'T YOU JUST STAY AWAY FROM THAT WHOLE TOPIC?
HE TRYING TO GET THAT COSMETIC HEIGHT NCREASE?
.....
YOU'RE KIDDING!? SO THERE'S SOMETHING CUTE AROUT HIM AFTER ALL!
OH! AO!

SO DID YOU GET ANY TALLE. .
HEHEH.
SATSUKI-CHAN, PLEASE CALM DOWN.
HEY. AO
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU IT'S CALLED 'MIGHT ARM' BEFORE YOU FINALLY GET IT!?
SATSUKI! I'M OFFICIALLY PROHIBITING YOU FROM USING YOUR STRONG IDIOT POWER' TO THWACK ME EVER AGAIN
AO REPORT YOUR RESULTS
REJOICING ENOUGH THAT YOU DIDN'T THINK THEIR COMING TO THE ACTUAL SPOT ITSELF WAS TERRIBLY PLEASANT
IT'S RATHER PRECIOUS AFTER ALL
THE RESEARCHERS WERE VERY PLEASED WITH THE RESULTS

I THREW UP.
DON'T THROW ME IN THE SAME CLASS AS YOU
YOU SAYING YOU ATE SO MUCH YOU GOT SICK?
I'D LIKE TO INVESTIGATE THE MURDERS INVOLVING THE VICTIMS WHO WERE DRAINED OF THEIR BLOOD
DRAINED OF BLOOD?
How what are you talking about?
YOU WANNA STEP OUTSIDE WITH ME FOR A WHILE?
THAT'S ENOUGH YOU TWO. AO, WHAT WAS IT YOU WANTED TO TELL ME?
ANY TIME.
There goes the fun again...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UFO'S !?
HOLD ON, AO! ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY THIS WAS UFO'S!?
IT'S VERY SIMILAR TO THE CATTLE MUTILATION INCIDENTS
THAT SEEMS LIKE IT MIGHT BE A LITTLE FAMILIAR
YOU'RE HOPE-LESS
SO YOU REALLY HAVEN'T HEARD ALL THE FUSS ON THE NEWS AND TALK SHOWS ABOUT THE CRIMINAL THAT ESCAPED EARLIER?
ARE YOU OK THERE!? I HAD NO IDEA YOUR MIND WAS REALLY THAT FAR GONE!
Watch as I make my spectacles in other shots!
SOME OF THE MOST ELITE OFFI-CERS ARE DEALING WITH THE CASE. NOT TO MENTION THAT THE L ORGANIZATION IS RANKED BELOW THEM TO BEGIN WITH.
EVEN IF WE DID TRY POKING OUR NOSES INTO IT, WE
THE L ORGANIZATION HAS NO CLAIM TO IT WHATSO-EVER.
BUT AO THAT CASE IS UNDER THE CHARGE OF THE POLICE.
I WAS JUST TRYING TO GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE FOR A LITTLE REFERENCE.
You don't even wear any glasses!

I NEVER GET MY WAY LIKE THAT.
ONE LOSS FOR GUNJI-SAN
TALK ABOUT SOFT ...
ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT
HEHEHEHEH

CODE AND VOICE PRINT CONFIRMED
...? WHO'S THE OLD MAN?

COMPUTER DISPLAY THE FILE ON THE MURDERS FROM POLICE HEADQUARTERS
RECOGNITION CODE?
GUNJI HIDEAKI CO-AB-A-01

OGASAWARA SHUUZOU
THIS PICTURE SHOWS THE SAME CLOTHES HE WAS WEARING AT THE TIME OF HIS ESCAPE

IN 1960, A CORPSE WAS DISCOVERED WITH ONE THIRD OF THE BLOOD COMPLETELY DRAINED FROM IT.
MORE CASES CONTINUED TO OCCUR, ALWAYS AT NIGHT, TILL FINALLY A TOTAL OF SEVEN VICTIMS WERE FOUND.
FROM INVESTIGATIONS OF THE AREAS SURROUNDING THE CRIME SCENES, IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT OGASAWARA, A CATHOLIC PRIEST FROM THE CHURCH HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN SOME RATHER ABNORMAL BEHAVIOR
SO WHAT WAS SO ABNORMAL ABOUT IT?
WHEN A SEARCH OF THE CHURCH WAS CONDUCTED BLOODSTAINS FROM THE VICTIMS WERE FOUND AND HE WAS ARRESTED
HOWEVER, OGASAWARA CONTINUED TO SAY THAT IT WAS "A TRICK BY THAT VAMPIRE TO BRING ME DOWN."
... YOU MEAN THE BLOOD-SUCKERS!?
OF COURSE!
HE WOULD TAKE A STAKE MALLET, KNIFE, AND A BOTTLE OF HOLY WATER,
AND WITH THOSE ITEMS PROCEED TO PROWL THE ENTIRE TOWN IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT
WHY YOU ...

AFTER THE PSYCHIATRIC EXAMINATION, IT WAS CONCLUDED THAT OGASAWARA'S POWERS OF REASONING WERE SEVERELY LIMITED.
AND HE WAS PUT INTO THE CUSTODY OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH
BUT WHY DID HE ONLY ESCAPE JUST NOW?
THAT WOULD BE HARD TO SAY... IT SEEMS WHEN HE WAS FIRST HOSPITALIZED, HE DID MAKE A NUMBER OF "STRANGE COMMENTS."
HOWEVER, AFTER A TIME, HE STOPPED SPEAKING ENTIRELY.
I'VE A BIT OF AOI'S MISGIVINGS AS WELL.
COMPUTER, DISPLAY THE NEXT FILE
BEEP BEEP
UNDERSTOOD
!?
HEY, IT'S PROBABLY POINTLESS TO ASK THIS BUT...
YOU DON'T BELIEVE THE GUY ABOUT THIS, DO YOU?
I DON'T DENY THE POSSIBILITY. I WOULDN'T ATTEST TO IT EITHER.
AND IF WE CHECKED YOU IN THERE WITH HIM?
.....

WAIT A SEC. YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING
ALL SEVEN VICTIMS DIED FROM THE DRAWING OF BLOOD FROM TWO PUNCTURE WOUNDS ON THE NECK
THE VAMPIRE BAT IS A MAMMAL OF APPROXIMATELY 8 CM LONG AND WEIGHING APPROXIMATELY 30 GRAMS. IT SURVIVES BY FEEDING ON THE BLOOD OF LIVESTOCK, DOMESTIC ANIMALS, AND SIMILAR CREATURES, DRINKING ABOUT 25 ML IN ONE MEAL.
THE BATS INHABIT CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND VERY RARELY ATTACK HUMANS, THOUGH IN RECENT YEARS THERE HAVE BEEN ROUGHLY 300 CASES.
Probably because of the quick disappearance of their habitat, caused by deforestation.
OF COURSE, IT'S HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT ANY PERSON COULD DIE FROM THE BLOOD LOSS CAUSED BY A VAMPIRE BAT. BUT...
NO, THERE'S NOT MUCH CHANCE OF A VAMPIRE BAT LIVING IN JAPAN
IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN VAMPIRE BATS?
WAIT?
SO YOU'RE SAYING THEY'VE GOT BATS LIKE THAT FLYING AROUND SOMEWHERE ELSE?

TADA!!!

Seemingly harsh ↑ Showoff

So it's the third volume of TSUBAKI. And the last volume, at that.

You know, these 3-4 spaces have always been nothing but trouble for me.

I think I shall just keep giving my comments on the series here, so everyone please follow along with me.

Here we go !!

WELL, AT ANY RATE, GO AHEAD AND INVESTIGATE
I'LL SEND OUT A REPORT FROM HEADQUARTERS TO INFORM THE POLICE OF YOUR INVOLVEMENT
IF YOU WOULD
NANAKI'S GOING TOO
EH
OF COURSE.
BUT WHERE ARE WE EVEN SUPPOSED TO START LOOKING ?

IT'S BEEN QUITE A WHILE, KUDOH-KUN.
WHAT, SO YOU THINK THAT OGASAWARA GUY CAME HERE?
THIS IS THE CHURCH WHERE HE ORIGINALLY WORKED.
AND IT LIES AT THE CENTER OF THE AREA WHERE ALL THE PREVIOUS CRIMES TOOK PLACE. WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIND SOME SORT OF CLUES PERTAINING TO OUR CASE.
HAVE THEY GOT TEN HERE YET? THOSE GUYS FROM L?

BUT TRY NOT TO FORGET THAT WE ARE THE ONES IN CHARGE OF THIS INVESTIGATION.
どきっ
ぱ
NOPE.
SOMEONE YOU KNOW?
Who're you Don't act so familiar with me.
FOUR YEARS AGO YOU BUTTED IN ON AN INVESTIGATION THAT WAS UNDER THE CHARGE OF THE POLICE DETECTIVES, JUST LIKE YOU ARE RIGHT NOW!
AH! THE INVESTIGATOR FROM THE HEAD DEPARTMENT
WHO WERE YOU AGAIN?
...
SIGH!
YOU DON'T BOTHER TO REMEMBER ANYTHING YOU DEEM UNIMPORTANT, DO YOU?

COME ON NOW. TAKE IT EASY, SEMPAI.
I'M TANIZAKI.
AND HE'S ASEO KEIJI.
DON'T BOTHER INTRODUCING YOURSELF!
He's not going to remember it anyway!
AND THIS IS FATHER WILLIAM LOYD.
HE'S BEEN THE ONE IN CHARGE OF THE CHURCH THESE PAST YEARS
YOU SPEAK JAPANESE ?
DO NOT WORRY. I'VE BEEN LIVING IN JAPAN FOR QUITE SOME TIME NOW
SO THESE TWO YOUNG MEN ARE NOT A PART OF THE POLICE INVESTIGATORS ?
THEY DO SEEM RATHER YOUNG
THEY'RE FROM A SPECIAL ORGANIZATION UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
IT HAS SOME TIES TO THE POLICE. BUT THEY'RE A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT GROUP

LOCK
LOCK機関
超常現象対策組織
特命捜査官
七貴 俊輔
NANAKI SHUNSUKE
LOCK機関
超常現象対策組織
特命捜査官
遠青
LOCH AO
THE PARANORMAL INVESTIGATIONS AGENCY...?
THAT'S NOT TOO SURPRISING EVEN WITHIN THE POLICE YOU HEAR RUMORS THAT THE L ORGANIZATION DOESN'T EVEN EXIST
I HADN'T BEEN AWARE THAT SUCH AN ORGANIZATION EXISTED
EH? WELL, I GUESS EVERYONE DOES SAY THAT BUT I NEVER REALLY BELIEVED IT.
HEHEH IT SEEMS YOU UNDERSTAND OUR FEELINGS VERY WELL
OH? HOW ABOUT THE ONE SAYING WE'RE NOTHING BUT A BUNCH OF FRUITCAKES?
WHAT!?

I'M SURE THERE ARE PLENTY OF THINGS IN THIS WORLD THAT WE CAN'T SEE, BUT STILL EXIST.
BEING ABLE TO ADMIT YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND SOMETHING WHEN YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND IT. THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS TO TRULY UNDERSTAND REALITY.
AT LEAST THAT'S THE DEFINITION THAT I'VE ALWAYS KEPT IN MIND.
...ZAKI.
IS IT VERY HARD FOR YOU? WORKING WITH AGE 2
I'LL BE SURE TO REMEMBER YOUR NAME.
UH.
WHAT'S HE MEAN BY THAT --
FATHER LOYD! WE WILL BE SETTING UP A STAKEOUT OUTSIDE THIS CHURCH.
WOULD FATHER OGASAWARA REALLY DECIDE TO COME HERE --?
IT'S CERTAINLY A POSSIBILITY THOUGH BY THE WAY, SEMPAI, WHAT ABOUT THESE TWO FROM THE L ORGANIZATION?

YOU TWO WILL BE PATROLLING THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CHURCH
I'M SO SORRY IF HE CAN BE SO IMMATURE AT
HEY AO...
WHAT ?
HOW COME YOU'RE JUST GIVING IN AND FOLLOWING AGE'S ORDERS?
THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M DOING.
IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE GET A GOOD LOOK AROUND THE AREA.
WHAT'S WRONG ?
ALL OF THE MURDERS TOOK PLACE IN LOCATIONS NOT VERY FAR FROM THIS CHURCH.

YOU'RE THINKING WAY TOO MUCH ABOUT THIS, YOU KNOW THAT?
HM.
IT LOOKS LIKE SOME SORT OF SYMBOL, BUT...
YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING...
LET'S CHECK TO SEE IF WE CAN FIND ANY MORE
WHAT'S THIS...?
EH?
ISN'T IT JUST SOME GRAFFITI?
IT'S A DIFFERENT VARIETY THAN KUDOH'S, BUT HE'S STILL JUST AS RUDE
stop calling me age
TANIZAKI WENT TO GO BUY IT EARLIER.
RING RING RING
HOW'D YOU DO? FIND ANY OF THAT SUPERNATURAL STUFF YOU WERE HOPING FOR?
HEY, L GUYS
YOU'RE SURE TAKING IT EASY, AGE. WHY NOT GO OUT AND GET US SOME DINNER?

AH, TANIZAKI...
SE-SEMPAI! I'VE GOT SOME TROUBLE!
I'D JUST FOUND OGASAWARA, AND I... AAAH!
!!
HEY! TANIZAKI
H-HEY!
TCH. YOU SURE KNOW HOW TO KEEP THAT MOUTH FLAPPING, DON'T YOU?
NANAKI
I'M THE ONE THAT MAKES DECISIONS LIKE THIS! DON'T GO RUNNING OFF ON YOUR OWN!
WE NEED TO FIND HIM
don't just sit there
AMATEUR.
That what you are
WAIT! YOU L GUYS!

!
HEY

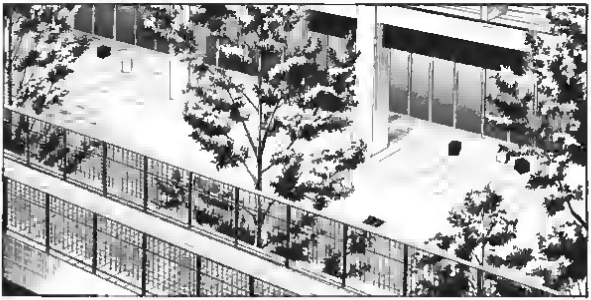
TANI-ZAKI?
NANAKI
GET READY TO

!?
WHAT ...!?

HOW CAN THEY BE THAT FAST ...!?
THAT THAT THING
A BIRD? SOME SORT OF ANIMAL?
COME ON. IS THAT THE BEST YOU ELITE POLICE GUYS CAN DO? NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, IT WAS SHAPED LIKE A HUMAN.
Damnit. This is alarming
YOU THINK IT COULD HAVE BEEN THAT OGASAWARA JI-SAN?
Eek, she hid around him with her cell phone too
YOU THINK HUMANS CAN MOVE LIKE THAT?!
Try and tell some sense!
HE-HEH...
...?

AO?

!?
TANIZAKI!
HE'S HURT!
WHAT HAPPENED!?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM, AO...
KUDOH! HOW BAD IS HE...!?



GUNJI-SAN!
CHARGE OF THE SEARCH FOR OGASAWARA AND THE MURDERS HAVE BOTH BEEN TRANSFERRED OVER TO THE L ORGANIZATION
THAT AGE GUY GET SCARED OFF?
THE POLICE ARE LEAVING THE CASE COMPLETELY ...?
DSPA WAS DETECTED IN THE WOUND ON TANIZAKI'S NECK

DS...? WHAT ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?
THEY COULDN'T MEAN... DESMOTEPLASE ...?
BUT THAT'S...
IT'S WHAT VAMPIRE BATS PRODUCE WHEN THEY BITE THEIR PREY
YES. DESMONDUS SALIVARY PLASMINOGEN ACTIVATOR. AN ENZYME THAT PREVENTS THE CLOTTING OF BLOOD.